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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled:

> "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation:
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> "(a) Women in development;
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> "(b) Human resources development;
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> "(c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership;
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> "(d) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 24th and 25th meetings, on 6 November 2001. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/56/SR.24 and 25). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, from 1 to 3 October (see A/C.2/56/SR.3-8). An account of the

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Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in addenda to the present report, as follows:

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/172, including the recommendations of the Seventh Inter-Agency Round Table on Communication and Development (A/56/221)

Letter dated 24 July 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué and the Genoa Plan for Africa, adopted at the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Group of Eight, held at Genoa, Italy, from 20 to 22 July 2001 (A/56/222-S/2001/736)

Letter dated 7 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/358 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 12 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/362-S/2001/871)

Letter dated 25 September 2001 from the Permanent Representatives of Armenia and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/408)

Letter dated 21 November 2001 from the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at their twenty-fifth annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 16 November 2001 (A/56/647)

Letter dated 22 October 2001 from the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/56/3)

(a) Women in development

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Women in development: access to financial resources — a gender perspective" (A/56/321 and Corr.1)

(b) Human resources development

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Advancing human resources development in developing countries: implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/211" (A/56/162)

Letter dated 19 July 2001 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to the Secretary-General (A/56/306)

(c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Summary by the President of the General Assembly of the high-level dialogue on the theme "Responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy in the twenty-first century" (A/56/482)

Note verbale dated 14 September 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/364)

Letter dated 16 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/634-S/2001/1087)

Letter dated 16 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/635-S/2001/1088)

(d) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

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4. At the 24th meeting, on 6 November, introductory statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under sub-item (a); the Director of the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under sub-item (d); the Director of the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under sub-item (c); and the Director of the Liaison Office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in New York and the Principal Adviser and Group Leader of the Social Development Group of the Bureau for Development Policy of the United Nations Development Programme, under sub-item (b) (see A/C.2/56/SR.24).